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SUBJECT: Application No. 10/071,066

A petition under 37 CFR 1.182 was filed on 12 April, 2002, requesting that the above-identified application be accorded a filing date of 12 April, 2002, the date of deposit of the item(s) noted as omitted in the Notice of Omitted Item(s) mailed on 5 April, 2002.

In accordance with the procedure set forth in "Changes Relating To An Application Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53," page 11 (copy enclosed), the application is being returned to OIPE for issuance of a new filing receipt indicating a filing date of 12 April, 2002, and for repressing using the copy of Figure 11 supplied on 12 April, 2002, and for issuance of a decision on the petition in accordance with MPEP 1002.02(q) (5).

Upon the mailing of a decision on the petition, the application file should **not** be returned to the Office of Petitions, but should be forwarded for further processing and examination.